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ABSTRACT

Forest stands adjacent to 238 miles of forest road were surveyed on the Carson National Forest in 1986 to determine the incidence and severity of dwarf mistletoe infection in the commercial ponderosa pine forest cover type. The survey data provided a basis for estimating the magnitude of growth losses associated with dwarf mistletoe. Thirty-three percent of the stocked surveyed stands had infected trees. Of the stands with dwarf mistletoe, 46 percent had less than one-third of the trees in the managed age class infected, 20 percent had one to two-thirds of the trees infected, and 33 percent of the stands had more than two-thirds of the trees in the managed age class infected. Forest-wide, 3,802 acres were surveyed; survey miles and acres were distributed proportionally across all stand size and visual quality classes. Chi-square analyses indicated that there were no significant relationships between stand size classes, visual quality classes, and dwarf mistletoe incidence and severity in the District and Forest-wide analyses.

A previous Region-wide dwarf mistletoe survey, conducted between 1954-57 (Andrews and Daniels 1960), indicated that 32 percent of the ponderosa pine type on the Carson National Forest was infected with dwarf mistletoe. Results from the 1986 survey indicate that dwarf mistletoe incidence remained essentially unchanged. At present, dwarf mistletoe incidence on the Forest is close to the Regional average.

Total growth losses were estimated using incidence and severity data from the 1986 survey and RMYLD2 growth and yield simulations. When timber management, silviculture, and dwarf mistletoe control were simultaneously optimized in the simulations, the most conservative estimate of annual loss in sawtimber at the current level of incidence was 4.5 MMBF per year. The corresponding annual loss estimate in pulpwood yield was .7 MMCF per year. Small changes in data input into RMYLD2 reflecting changes in timber management emphasis (i.e., focus on nontimber resource objectives), silvicultural prescriptions, and dwarf mistletoe control cutting methods, produced large increases in the annual loss estimates. Delayed stand entries produced equally large increases in the annual loss estimates. We estimate the annual losses in sawtimber growth and yield to be as high as 13.6 MMBF and 4.0 MMCF, respectively.

INTRODUCTION

Rocky Mountain ponderosa pine (Pinus ponderosa var. scopulorum) grows on an estimated 11 million acres in the Southwestern United States. In Arizona and New Mexico, 2.5 million acres are regarded as being commercially productive (growth $\geq$ 20 cubic feet per acre per year). On the Carson National Forest, 34 percent of the acres of commercial timberland are in the ponderosa pine forest cover type.

Region-wide, over one-third (36%) of the commercial ponderosa pine resource is dwarf mistletoe infected (Arceuthobium vaginatum subsp. cryptopodum (Engelm.) Hawks. and Wiens); by Forest, estimates of infection levels range from 15 percent to 64 percent (Andrews and Daniels 1960). Volume losses associated with ponderosa pine dwarf mistletoe are primarily growth losses. By comparison, losses caused by other important disease pests of ponderosa pine, most notably the root rot pathogens Armillaria sp. and Heterobasidion annosum, are related to tree mortality.

Various silvicultural operations involving the cutting and removal of trees are considered the best way of reducing losses to dwarf mistletoe. In order to apply these operations most effectively, however, the land manager must know: (1) The location and amount of disease, (2) whether this amount is increasing, decreasing or staying the same, (3) how much loss might be expected given optimal use of the silvicultural procedures, and (4) how much more loss might be expected if proper mistletoe management practices are ignored.

In order to help provide this information to the Carson National Forest; the objectives of this evaluation were to: (1) Document and compare dwarf mistletoe incidence and severity by District and size class on the Carson National Forest, (2) compare the incidence of dwarf mistletoe to that found 37 years ago, (3) compare incidence and severity of stands under different levels of management restriction, and (4) estimate annual growth losses caused by ponderosa pine dwarf mistletoe by Ranger District and Forest-wide.

In addition to documenting mistletoe incidence, severity and associated growth losses, it is the intent of this survey to draw into focus the scope and principle causes of the mistletoe problem so corrective vegetation management decisions can be made to reduce the current level of incidence on the Forest.

METHODS

Incidence and Severity by District and Size

Incidence and severity of dwarf mistletoe were measured using the roadside survey methods of Andrews and Daniels (1960), Merrill et al. (1985), and Johnson et al. (1984). Roadside survey-sampling methods were deemed appropriate to this problem analysis, since the presence of dwarf mistletoe and roads are not thought to be correlated in the Southwest. Two-person crews drove selected roads at speeds not exceeding 10 miles per hour and observed a strip 2 chains wide, measured from the edge of the right-of-way, parallel to the right side of the road. Changes in forest cover type, stand size class, and dwarf mistletoe infection severity were visually estimated and recorded to the nearest 0.10 mile using the survey vehicle odometer. All passable National Forest System roads on each Ranger District were surveyed. Mistletoe data were collected only from acres of ponderosa pine classified as tentatively

suitable in the latest land management planning process. At the beginning of the survey, transects 1 chain wide by 2 chains long, perpendicular to the road axis, were established every mile in which infected and uninfected trees in the managed age class were tallied to correct ocular estimates of infection severity. The number of transects gradually decreased as survey crews developed expertise in estimating infection severity.

Forest cover type and stand size class of stands adjacent to roads were determined from land management planning forest cover type maps. The 16 original stand condition classes (FSH 2409.26d, dated November 1975) were condensed for simplification into 5 broader stand size classes:

Seedlings and saplings (SS); combining 01, 14, and 15
(>4 inches tall; <5.0 inches d.b.h.)

Poletimber (PT); combining 02, 04, 06, 08, 10, and 12
(5.0 to 8.9 inches d.b.h.)

Sawtimber (ST); combining 03, 05, 07, 09, and 13
(9.0 inches and larger)

Overmature timber (OT); 11
(old growth)

Nonstocked (NS); 16

Dwarf mistletoe (DM) infection severity was measured as follows:

DM0 = No visible infection.

DM1 = Less than one-third of the trees in the managed age class infected.

DM2 = One-third to two-thirds of the trees in the managed age class infected.

DM3 = More than two-thirds of the trees in the managed age class infected.

Survey results were expressed as the ratio of miles traveled adjacent to infected stands to the total miles traveled Forest-wide, by District, stand size class, and dwarf mistletoe infection severity level. A record of the roads surveyed and direction traveled for each road can be found in Figures 6-10 of the Appendix.

Chi-square analyses was used to compare the observed and expected (Forest-wide mistletoe incidence) mistletoe infection levels by stand size class. Comparisons were first made on the District level, then on the Forest level.

Comparison to 1957 Roadside Survey

To compare the Forest-wide incidence of dwarf mistletoe on the ponderosa pine type to its incidence 29 years ago, the results of the 1986 roadside survey of the Carson National Forest were compared to estimates for the Carson obtained by the 1957 Andrews and Daniels roadside survey.

Incidence, Severity, and Management Restrictions

In order to assess the possible correlation of dwarf mistletoe incidence and severity with restricted management areas, visual quality classes (VQO) were also measured along with the other factors. Sensitivity levels and visual quality objectives (FSM 2382.21, Agriculture Handbook No. 462, FSM 2383.4) were combined to reduce the number of classes, since management practices do not change significantly between some levels. The seven combined classes were:

1. Foreground Retention (FR)
2. Other Retention (OR)
3. Foreground Partial Retention (FPR)
4. Level 3 Partial Retention (3PR)
5. Other Partial Retention (OPR)
6. Level 3 Modification (3M)
7. Other Modification (OM)

The most restrictive visual quality class is the foreground retention class. We might expect that dwarf mistletoe incidence in stands of this VQO would be greatest because they are usually not entered for management, in order to retain their visual integrity. This hypothesis was tested by comparing comparing incidence and severity between VQO classes using the Chi-Square analysis (alpha = .05). Comparisons were first made on the District level, then on the Forest level.

Visual resource inventory maps (scale 2.64 or 2.0 inches = 1 mile) were used to indicate current boundaries of visual quality areas. Changes in forest cover type, stand size class and visual quality class were clearly marked on survey maps and those maps are archived as a permanent record of the survey.

Growth Loss Estimates

If all stands on the Forests were mistletoe free, that would represent full volume productivity or potential. It is not now, nor will it ever be, feasible to achieve this standard. It is feasible, however, to reduce mistletoe infection severity in stands so that impact on full volume productivity is negligible. The comparison of full productive potential to existing conditions is useful for assessing the magnitude of the problem. In generating sawtimber and pulpwood volume loss estimates, stands representative of three stand size classes (i.e., seedlings and saplings, poletimber, and sawtimber, were projected to rotation age (120 years) under four infection severity levels using RMYLD2 (Edminster 1978)).

Each stand size class was assigned a nominal age:

Seedlings and Saplings = 20 years

Poletimber = 50 years

Sawtimber = 100 years

Site index values of 60, 70, and 80 feet (100-year index age) were used in the growth and yield simulations to reflect the range of conditions existing on the Forest. Growing stock levels (GSLs) were adjusted whenever possible to reflect site productivity, optimize volume production and product size, and achieve effective dwarf mistletoe control. Differences in yield for stands managed to rotation at each infection severity level represented the impact on volume production attributable to dwarf mistletoe. RMYLD2 output was expressed in yield per acre; losses were assessed by subtracting yields of stands with mistletoe from healthy stand yields. Losses were reported for each District surveyed by stand size class. Acres of tentatively suitable Forest land by forest cover type and stand size class were obtained from the 1985 inventory. According to the 1985 inventory, there are a total of 259,809 acres of commercial ponderosa pine on the Carson National Forest. Listed below is a breakdown of that 259,809 acres by size class:

Seedlings and Saplings = 9,694 acres (4%)

Poletimber = 28,808 acres (11%)

Sawtimber = 221,307 acres (85%)

Seedling, sapling, and poletimber stands were managed to a 120-year rotation age beginning at 20 and 50 years, respectively. For overmature stands, future growth losses to dwarf mistletoe were considered minor since stand regeneration was imminent. The understory seedling and sapling component was managed to rotation on RMYLD2. The underlying assumption used in sawtimber simulations was equivalent infection levels in the overstory and understory components. Optimum silvicultural prescriptions by site index, stand size class, and dwarf mistletoe infection severity level are shown in Tables 1 and 2.

For all RMYLD2 simulations, dwarf mistletoe infection severity levels were set at the midpoint of their range:

DMO = no infection = PINF 0 ; DMLEV = 3.0

DM1 = 16.5 percent infection = PINF 16.5; DMLEV = 3.0

DM2 = 49.5 percent infection = PINF 49.5; DMLEV = 3.0

DM3 = 82.5 percent infection = PINF 82.5; DMLEV = 6.0

(PINF is the equivalent RMYLD2 input variable)

To arrive at estimates of potential volume production for DM3 = 82.5 percent infection, DMLEV was set at 6.0 (DMLEV is the input variable in RMYLD2 that indicates the dwarf mistletoe rating (DMR) above which thinnings will not be performed (Edminster 1978, Hawksworth 1977)).

RESULTS

Incidence and Severity by District and Size

A total of 3,802 acres were surveyed, equivalent to a 1.8 percent sampling intensity. The largest percent of total surveyed area was in the El Rito Ranger District (35%), the least within the Questa Ranger District (less than

1%). Sampling intensity of each District was roughly proportional to the percent of total acres of ponderosa pine type represented by the District. According to the 1985 inventory of the Carson National Forest, 4%, 11%, and 85% of the total stocked acres were represented by seedlings and saplings, poles, and sawtimber, respectively. In the 1986 survey, percentages of the total surveyed ponderosa pine represented by seedlings and saplings, poles, and sawtimber were less than 1%, 27%, and 73%, respectively.

Dwarf mistletoe was found on 33 percent of the surveyed stocked acres of ponderosa pine on the Carson National Forest. Of the 238 miles surveyed, 17 were adjacent to nonstocked stands, 74 to stands with mistletoe infected trees, and 147 to mistletoe-free stands. Mistletoe incidence was estimated as greatest on the Penasco Ranger District (66%) and least on the Taos District (21%). The greatest percent of total acres with heavily infected trees was found on the Penasco Ranger District (27%) while the least heavily infected trees were found on the Canjilon Ranger District (4%). Table 3 and Figure 1 show distribution of surveyed acres on a District by dwarf mistletoe incidence and severity classes. Table 4 shows the results of the survey by District, severity class, and size class. No significant difference could be demonstrated between dwarf mistletoe incidence on poletimber and sawtimber either on the District or on the Forest level (Table 5 and Figure 2).

Comparison with 1957 Roadside Survey

The Forest-wide estimate of dwarf mistletoe incidence (33%) determined by this survey is essentially the same as the estimated incidence found in 1957 (32%). This implies that the incidence of dwarf mistletoe on the Carson National Forest has remained unchanged for the past 29 years (Figure 5). Comparison of incidence by size class and District was not possible as the data were not separated into those classes in the report by Andrews and Daniels (1960).

Incidence, Severity, and Management Restrictions

There was no significant difference ($P>.05$) in incidence between visual quality class either at the District level or the Forest level.

Growth Loss Estimates

Estimates of annual growth loss by District are summarized in Table 6. These estimates are not based on simulating current management conditions, but are an expression of growth losses to dwarf mistletoe under optimal management ie. when silviculture and dwarf mistletoe control are optimized coincidentally and all stands with mistletoe are entered immediately. A sawtimber loss estimate of 4.5 MMBF per year, Forest-wide, is the most conservative estimate when mistletoe incidence is 33 percent. Since all stands cannot be entered immediately, current sawtimber losses on the Carson National Forest exceed 4.5 MMBF per year and may run as high as 13.6 MMBF per year. This is confirmed in yield projections that allow delayed entry (Figure 5). A comparable estimate applies to cubic foot volume losses as well (i.e., .7-4.0 MMCF per year).

DISCUSSION

The results of the 1986 survey of the Carson National Forest indicate that, forest-wide, dwarf mistletoe incidence has neither increased nor decreased in the ponderosa pine type. The failure of dwarf mistletoe incidence to decrease

may be attributable to a number of factors, including 25 or more years of selective harvesting. The propensity to prescribe preparatory cuts in succession, where seed cuts or final removals were needed has perpetuated uneven-aged stand conditions and increased the spread of disease. Past management emphasis was inappropriate to reducing dwarf mistletoe; cutting out the volume was most important.

If past silvicultural management practices were significantly reducing the mistletoe on the Carson National Forest, one would expect less mistletoe in the poletimber than in the sawtimber, and, less mistletoe in the less restrictive management classes than in the more restrictive management classes. Because this was not the case, the current dwarf mistletoe problem on the Carson National Forest is worthy of attention, especially since the level of incidence is easily regulated, in most cases, with appropriate cutting methods. Management objectives should reflect a concerted effort to reduce dwarf mistletoe effects on growth and yield. Unchecked, the present mistletoe problem will worsen and the magnitude of associated growth losses will increase.

In general, dwarf mistletoe spreads most slowly in single-story, even-aged stands of any age. Small departures from even-aged management result in radical increases in dwarf mistletoe incidence and severity. In the RMYLD2 growth and yield simulations that were used to estimate volume losses, stocking was drastically reduced in stands with mistletoe at the earliest possible time to reduce incidence and severity. Without this early reduction in stocking, stands were destroyed by dwarf mistletoe before rotation age. Volume loss estimates assume that thinning entries or regeneration cuts were made in every stand at the most opportune time. Departures from this management strategy resulted in reductions in timber yield much worse than reported here.

As previously stated in the introduction, in addition to documenting mistletoe incidence, severity, and associated growth losses, it is intended that these survey results will draw to a focus the scope and principal causes of the mistletoe problem, so that corrective timber management decisions can be made to reduce the current level of incidence on the Forest.

The principal causes as we see them are:

1. A repeated history of selective harvesting in stands with dwarf mistletoe infected trees.

2. Silvicultural prescriptions that perpetuated uneven-aged stand conditions. The ponderosa pine cover type consisted of a mosaic of uneven-aged clumps of trees. Following selective overstory removals, portions of every stand were naturally regenerated. Seed cuts were rare and total overstory removals almost nonexistent.

3. Lack of priority given to treating mistletoe. Entire timber sale areas were selectively harvested to produce a targeted volume. Little thought was given to delineating specific cutting units for the primary purpose of controlling dwarf mistletoe. By giving stands with mistletoe high treatment priority in timber sales, two major works could be accomplished: (a) The targeted volume could be realized from fewer acres, and (b) greater volume would be produced in properly treated stands that could be harvested in subsequent entries.

4. Ineffective cutting methods when dwarf mistletoe was the intended object of silvicultural prescriptions. Visibly infected overstory trees were removed, but trees with little evidence of witches broom formation were retained in the overstory. Seeds discharged from mistletoe plants in the residual overstory trees provided the inoculum source for further overstory and understory infections. In most cases, a seed cut and overstory removal, followed by judicious thinning in the understory, would have reduced the presence of the dwarf mistletoe in stands to acceptable levels.

5. Lack of consistency in controlling dwarf mistletoe in stands of any size class.

6. Lack of consistency in controlling dwarf mistletoe in stands of any visual quality class.

The growth losses estimated and presented reflect the level of damage and loss associated with mistletoe at the present level of incidence. Losses will decrease with reductions in the number and distribution of infected trees in stands. The solution to the problem lies in improving stand management by treating infected stands first, thereby reducing mistletoe incidence in stands, one stand at a time. It is important that mistletoe incidence routinely becomes a major decision variable when stand treatments are prioritized and cutting units are selected in timber sales. Prescriptions need to reflect a major emphasis on reducing incidence and severity of dwarf mistletoe, while trying to reflect stocking, spacing, and tree diameter objectives. Dwarf mistletoe is endemic in southwestern ponderosa pine forests, but its impact can be reduced with proper management so that the effects are negligible.

Chapter 70 in the Cutting Methods Handbook (1985) has been prepared as a field aid for dealing with stands with dwarf mistletoe. Information is given on rating infected trees and whole stands, and methods are presented which aid in the complex process of determining which cutting units should be entered and which can be deferred. Sections on regeneration and intermediate cutting methods are also included. Much of the time these materials will provide the necessary guidance. If additional technical assistance is needed, Pathologists in the Regional Office are available to help evaluate mistletoe problems and assist in formulating prescriptions to control dwarf mistletoe in specific cutting units.

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APPENDIX

TABLE 1--Optimum prescriptions for RMYLD2 growth and yield simulations for the Carson National Forest seedlings and saplings (SS).

SSC[1]	AGE (YRS)	SITE INDEX	DMR[2] START (0-6)	PINF[2] START %	DMR[3] FINAL (0-6)	THIN1[2] (GSL)	DSTY1[2] (GSL)	DSTY2[2] (GSL)	DBH[3] CUT (IN)	DBH[3] RESID. (IN)	VOLUME OUT[3] MBF/AC	VOLUME OUT[3] MCF/AC	CULM. MAI[4] AGE (YRS)	CULM. MAI[4] FT[3]
SS	20	60	0	0	0	60	60	60	18.5	16.6	16.5	3.6	110	28
			0.2	16.5	0.1	30	60	60	18.5	16.6	15.3	3.4	100	26
			0.7	49.5	0.1	20	40	40	21.5	19.7	12.1	2.5	120	20
(Regenerate)[5]			2.6	82.5	6.0	20	20	20	21.3	21.3	0.6	0.1	70	8
SS	20	70	0	0	0	70	70	70	18.6	16.7	22.5	4.8	110	37
			0.2	16.5	0.1	40	70	70	18.6	16.7	21.6	4.6	100	35
			0.7	49.5	0.1	20	40	40	22.4	20.7	15.0	3.0	100	24
(Regenerate)[5]			2.6	82.5	5.5	20	20	20	23.5	23.4	4.3	1.0	80	12
SS	20	80	0	0	0	80	90	90	18.1	16.2	32.1	6.6	100	51
			0.2	16.5	0.1	50	80	80	18.8	16.9	28.8	5.9	100	46
			0.7	49.5	0.1	30	60	60	20.8	19.1	23.8	4.8	100	37
(Regenerate)[5]			2.6	82.5	4.8	20	20	20	26.0	25.8	8.8	1.8	100	16

[1] SSC is stand size class.

[2] Input variables for data entry into RMYLD2; DMR START=DMR(1) stand dwarf mistletoe rating; PINF START=PINF(1) percent mistletoe infected; THIN1=growing stock level achieved with initial thinning; DSTY1 and 2=growing stock level or density achieved with subsequent entries. (Edminster 1978)

[3] Output from RMYLD2; DMR FINAL=stand dwarf mistletoe rating at rotation; DBH CUT=average diameter of sawtimber cut during the seed cut; DBH RESID.=average seed tree diameter; VOLUME OUT=commercial volume produced per acre.

[4] Culmination of mean annual increment.

[5] Unable to reduce dwarf mistletoe to acceptable levels; regenerate the stand.

TABLE 2--Optimum prescriptions for RMYLD2 growth and yield simulations for the Carson National Forest poletimber (PT).

SSC[1]	AGE (yrs)	SITE INDEX	DMR[2] START (0-6)	PINF[2] START %	DMR[3] FINAL (0-6)	THIN1[2] (GSL)	DSTY1[2] (GSL)	DSTY2[2] (GSL)	DBH[3] CUT (in)	DBH[3] RESID. (in)	VOLUME OUT[3] MBF/AC	MCF/AC	CULM.MAI[4] AGE (yrs)	ft³
PT	50	60	0	0	0	60	70	70	16.8	15.0	16.6	3.6	110	28
			0.2	16.5	0.1	60	60	60	16.9	15.1	14.2	3.5	110	27
			0.7	49.5	0.1	40	50	50	17.4	15.6	12.3	3.1	110	24
(Regenerate)[5]			2.6	82.5	3.9	20	20	20	20.3	19.6	5.8	1.7	70	13
PT	50	70	0	0	0	70	80	80	17.2	15.4	22.0	4.7	110	36
			0.2	16.5	0.1	70	70	70	17.4	15.6	20.3	4.6	110	35
			0.7	49.5	0.1	50	60	60	17.8	16.0	17.8	4.2	110	32
(Regenerate)[5]			2.6	82.5	3.2	20	20	20	21.5	20.6	7.2	2.1	70	18
PT	50	80	0	0	0	80	90	90	18.0	16.2	30.0	6.2	120	48
			0.2	16.5	0.1	60	80	80	17.4	15.6	25.6	5.9	110	46
			0.7	49.5	0.1	60	80	80	17.4	15.6	25.6	5.9	110	46
(Regenerate)[5]			2.6	82.5	2.7	20	30	30	20.9	19.7	11.9	3.4	70	27

[1] SSC is stand size class.

[2] Input variables for data entry into RMYLD2; DMR START=DMR(1) stand dwarf mistletoe rating; PINF START=PINF(1) percent mistletoe infected; THIN1=growing stock level achieved with initial thinning; DSTY1 and 2=growing stock level or density achieved with subsequent entries. (Edminster 1978)

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[4] Culmination of mean annual increment.

[5] Unable to reduce dwarf mistletoe to acceptable levels; regenerate the stand.

TABLE 3--Comparison of dwarf mistletoe infection severity levels between Districts on the Carson National Forest.

RANGER DISTRICT		DWARF MISTLETOE INFECTION SEVERITY DM(-)[1]	DM(+)[2]	DM1[3]	DM2[3]	DM3[3]	SUBTOTAL
CANJILON	MI[4]	21.2	7.1	4.5	1.5	1.1	28.3[5]
	%[6]	75	25	16	5	4	13[7]
EL RITO	MI	59.9	22.3	11.4	4.9	6	82.2[5]
	%	73	27	14	6	7	37[7]
JICARILLA	MI	12.5	7.6	2.4	1.3	3.9	20.1[5]
	%	66	34	12	6	19	9[7]
PENASCO	MI	10.9	21.3	7.4	5.2	8.7	32.2[5]
	%	34	66	23	16	27	15[7]
TAOS	MI	5.7	1.5	0.6	0.3	0.6	7.2[5]
	%	79	21	8	4	8	3[7]
TRES PIEDRAS	MI	38.1	12.2	7.1	1.6	3.5	50.3[5]
	%	76	24	14	3	7	23[7]
QUESTA	MI	0.2	0	0	0	0	0.2[5]
	%	100	0	0	0	0	0[7]
FOREST TOTAL	MI	148.5	72.0	33.4	14.8	23.8	220.5
	%	67	33	15	7	11	100

[1](-)=Miles of ponderosa pine stands surveyed without dwarf mistletoe infection.

[2](+)=Miles of ponderosa pine stands surveyed with dwarf mistletoe infection of severity level (1, 2, or 3).

[3]Dwarf mistletoe infection severity level.

[4]Miles surveyed in stands within a District and infection severity level.

[5]Miles surveyed in a District.

[6]Percentage of total miles surveyed in a District within an infection severity level.

[7]Percentage of Forest-wide survey miles.

TABLE 4--Dwarf mistletoe infection severity estimates by stand size class for Districts on the Carson National Forest.

RANGER DISTRICT		STAND SIZE CLASS											
		SEEDLINGS/SAPLINGS[1]				POLETIMBER				SAWTIMBER			
		0	1	2	3	0	1	2	3	0	1	2	3
CANJILON	MI[2]	0	0	0	0	5.2	1.4	.1	0	16.0	3.1	1.4	1.1
	%[3]					78	21	1		74	14	6	5
EL RITO	MI	0	.8	0	0	16.7	2.0	.9	.6	43.2	8.6	4.0	5.4
	%		100			83	10	4	3	70	14	7	9
JICARILLA	MI	0	0	0	0	.7	.1	0	1.1	11.8	2.3	1.3	2.8
	%					36	5	0	58	65	13	7	15
PENASCO	MI	0	0	0	0	1.8	.7	1.4	4.7	9.1	6.7	3.8	4.0
	%					21	8	16	55	39	28	16	17
TAOS	MI	0	0	0	0	21	.8	16	55	4.5	.3	.2	0
	%					55	14	4	27	90	6	4	
TRES PIEDRAS	MI	0	0	0	0	16.4	2.5	.7	.5	21.7	4.6	.9	3,0
	%					82	12	3	3	72	15	3	10
QUESTA	MI	0	0	0	0	.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	%					100							
FOREST TOTAL	MI	0	.8	0	0	42.2	7.0	3.2	7.5	106.3	25.6	11.6	16.3
	%	0	0			70	12	5	13	66	16	8	10

[1]Dwarf mistletoe infection severity level.

[2]Miles of road surveyed in stands of a particular size class and infection severity level.

[3]Percentages are computed within the stand size for a single District, and are rounded up to nearest whole percentage.

TABLE 5--Summary of Chi-square analyses comparing observed and expected mistletoe incidence[1] by stand size classes and visual quality classes (P=0.05).

		STAND SIZE CLASSES			VISUAL QUALITY CLASSES				
RANGER DISTRICT		SS[2]	PT[2]	ST[2]	FR[3]	FPR[3]	OPR[3]	3M[3]	OM[3]
CANJILON (O_1-E_1)	MI[4]		-0.2	+0.2	+0.4			-1.2	
	SIG[5]		NS	NS	NS			NS	
EL RITO	MI	+0.6	-2.0	+1.5		-0.1	-0.5	+1.0	-0.6
	SIG	NS	NS	NS		NS	NS	NS	NS
JICARILLA	MI		+0.5	-0.5				-1.2	
	SIG		NS	NS				NS	
PENASCO	MI		+1.1	-1.0	-1.1	-0.4	+0.1	+1.4	+0.1
	SIG		NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
TAOS	MI		+0.5	-0.6		-0.1	-0.1	+0.3	-0.9
	SIG		NS	NS		NS	NS	NS	NS
TRES PIEDRAS	MI		-1.1	+1.3	-0.4	+0.1	-2.1	+1.7	-0.5
	SIG		NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
QUESTA	MI		-0.1		-0.1				
	SIG		NS		NS				
FOREST TOTAL	MI	-0.5	-0.9	+4.0	-0.5	+1.5	-1.7	+2.2	-1.5
	SIG	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS

[1] Dwarf mistletoe incidence is presented as miles of stands surveyed with any mistletoe infection, by stand size class, visual quality class, and District.

[2] SS=seedling and sapling stands; PT=poletimber stands; ST=sawtimber stands. OT=overmature stands.

[3] See page 4 for an explanation of abbreviations, no OR or 3PR classes were surveyed.

[4] Difference between the observed (O_1) number of miles of road surveyed with mistletoe infection and the expected (E_1) number of miles with mistletoe infection as predicted by the Chi-square distribution.

[5] Denotes significance at P=0.05; NS is not significant; S is significant.

TABLE 6--Minimum estimate[1] of annual losses in sawtimber and poletimber production on the Carson National Forest.

		POLETIMBER (PT)		SAWTIMBER (ST)		SUBTOTAL	
RANGER DISTRICT		MMBF/YR	MMCF/YR	MMBF/YR	MMCF/YR	MMBF/YR	MMCF/YR
CANJILON	VOL.	0.0+	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.1
	%[2]	0		100		6	
EL RITO	VOL.	0.1	0.0+	1.3	0.3	1.4	0.3
	%	7		93		27	
JICARILLA	VOL.	0.1	0.0+	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.1
	%	25		75		7	
PENASCO	VOL.	0.3	0.1	1.0	0.2	1.3	0.3
	%	23		77		25	
TAOS	VOL.	0.1	0.0+	0.0+	0.0+	0.1	0.0+
	%	100		0		2	
TRES PIEDRAS	VOL.	0.1	0.0+	1.6	0.4	1.7	0.4
	%	6		94		33	
QUESTA	VOL.	0.0	0.0			0.0	0.0
	%					0	
FOREST TOTAL	VOL.	0.7	0.1	4.5	1.1	5.2	1.2
	%	13		87		100	

[1] Estimates based on RMYLD2 growth and yield projections using incidence severity data from the survey.

[2] Percentage of District losses in a stand size class.

FIGURE 1. Comparison of DM incidence between Districts on the Carson National Forest

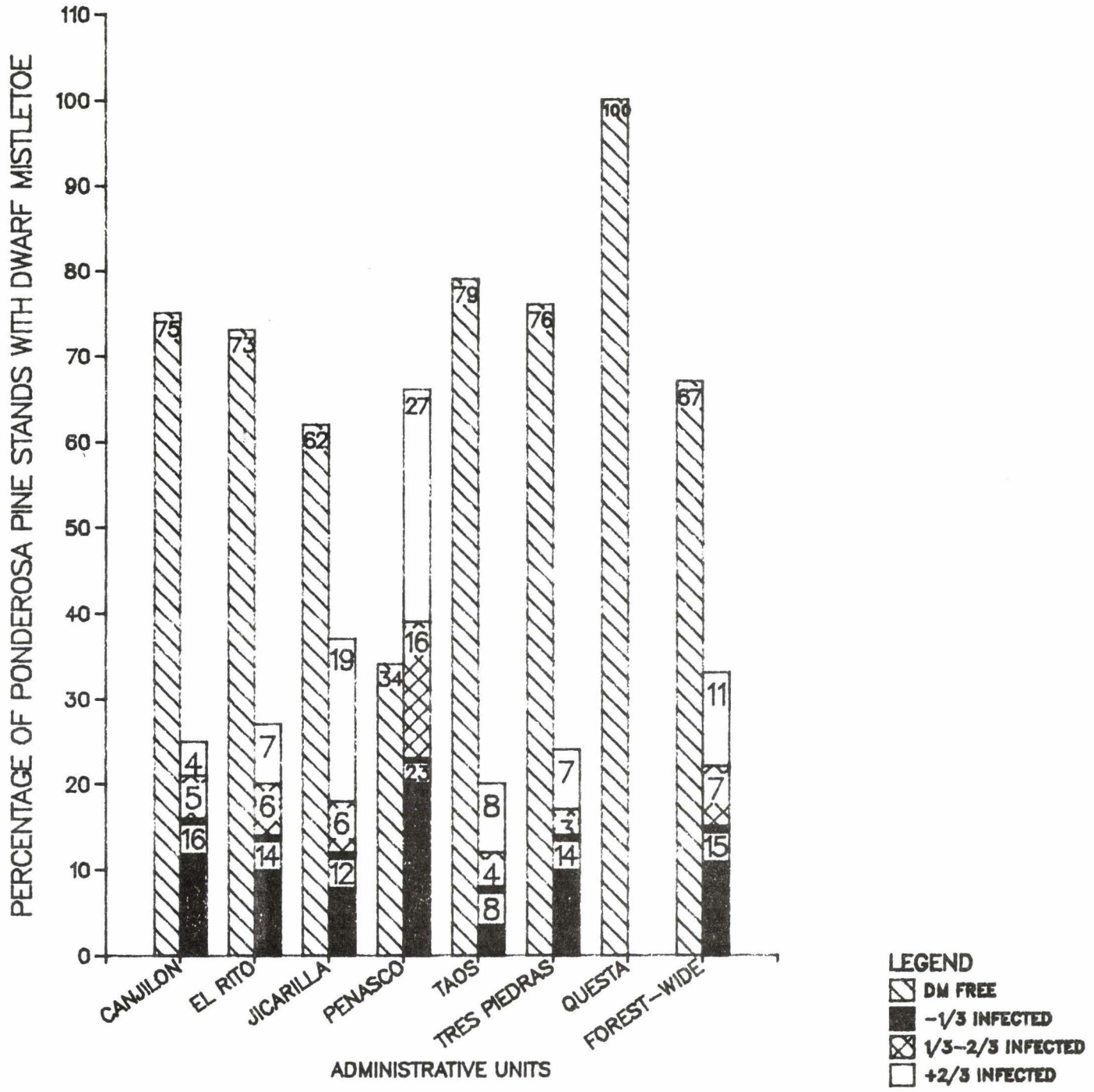

FIGURE 2. Comparison of observed and expected DM incidence by size class for the Carson National Forest

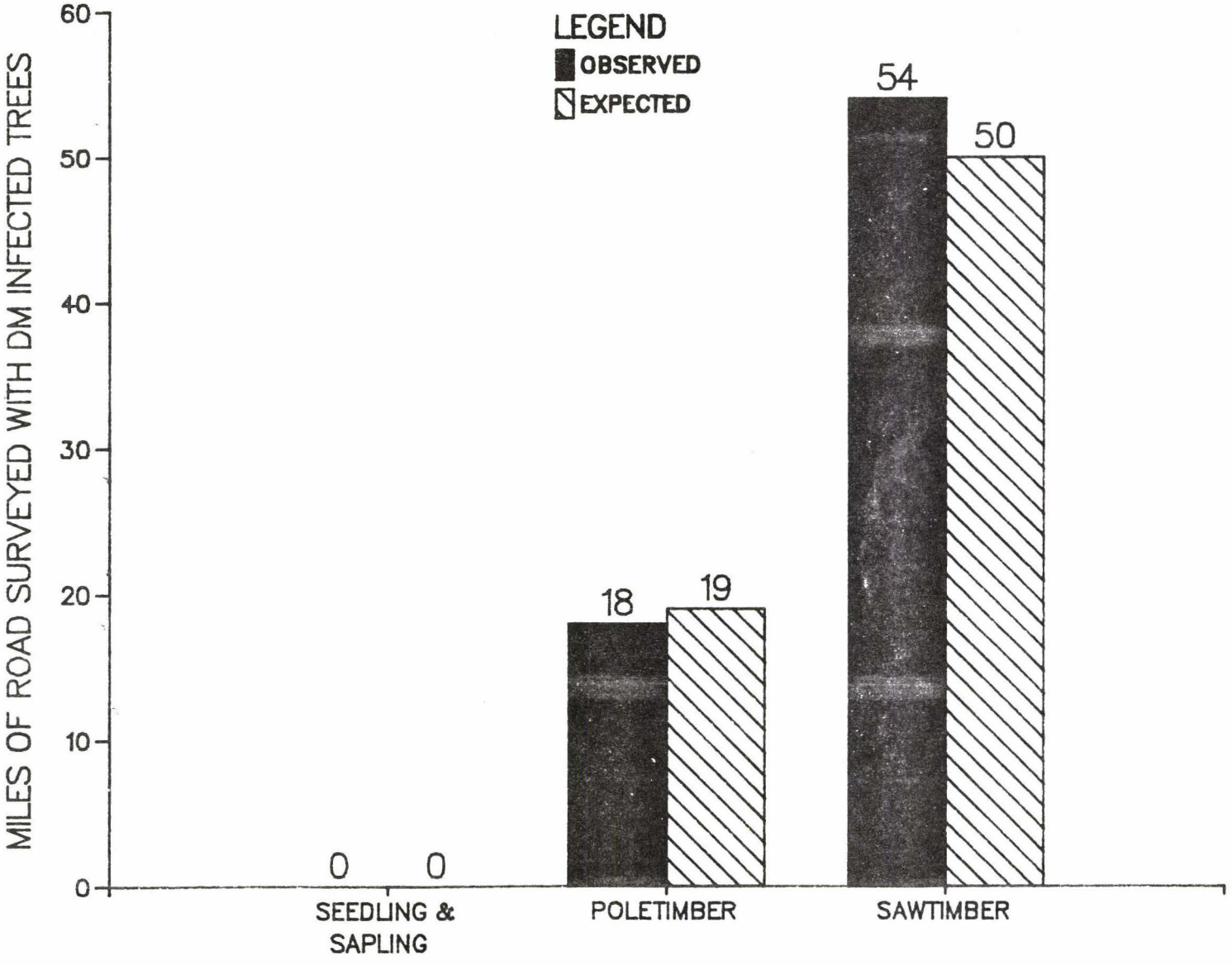

FIGURE 3. Comparison of observed and expected DM incidence by visual quality class for the Carson National Forest

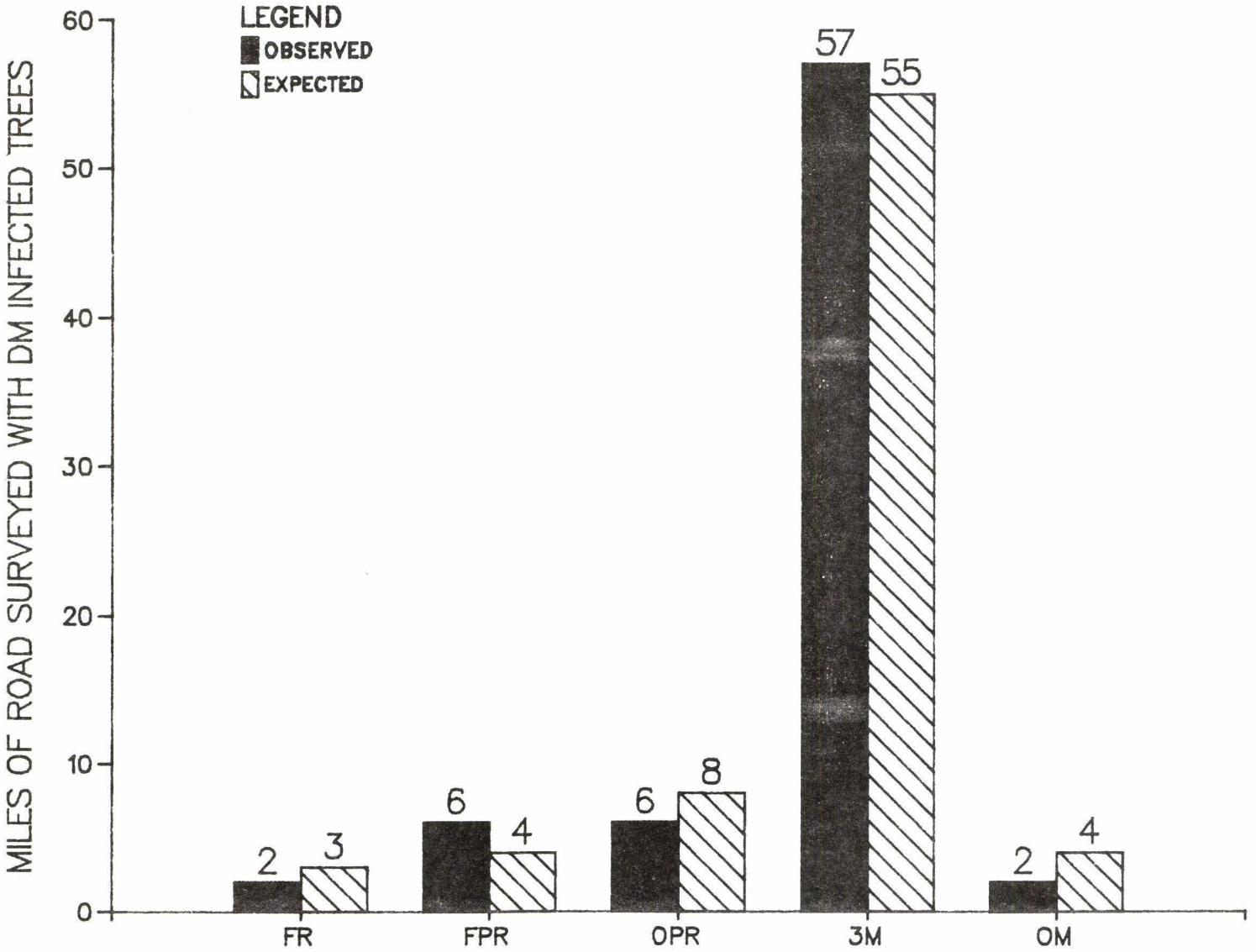

FIGURE 4. Distribution of projected annual volume losses by size class for the Carson National Forest

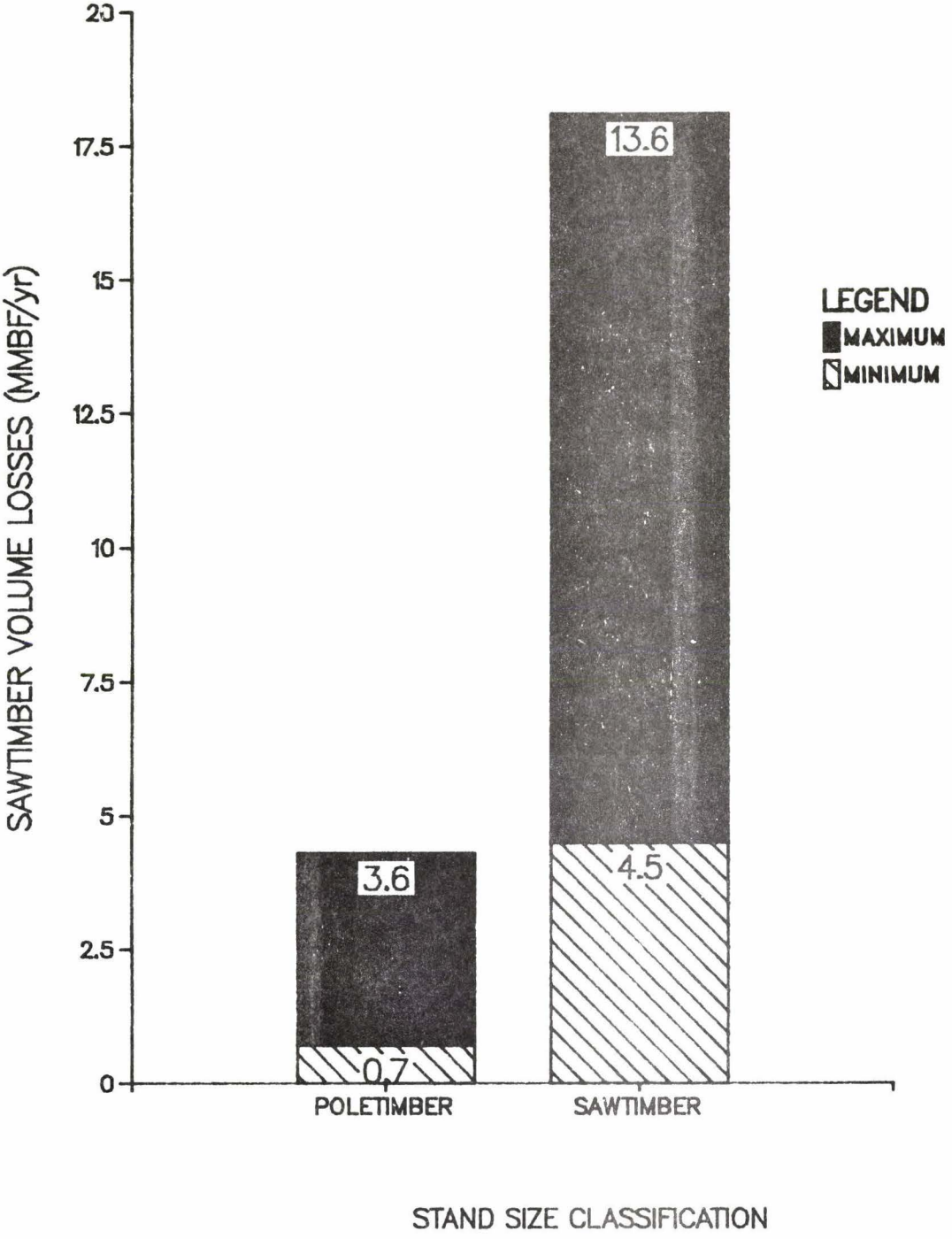

FIGURE 5. Dwarf mistletoe incidence in commercial ponderosa pine stands on the Carson National Forest from 1960–1986

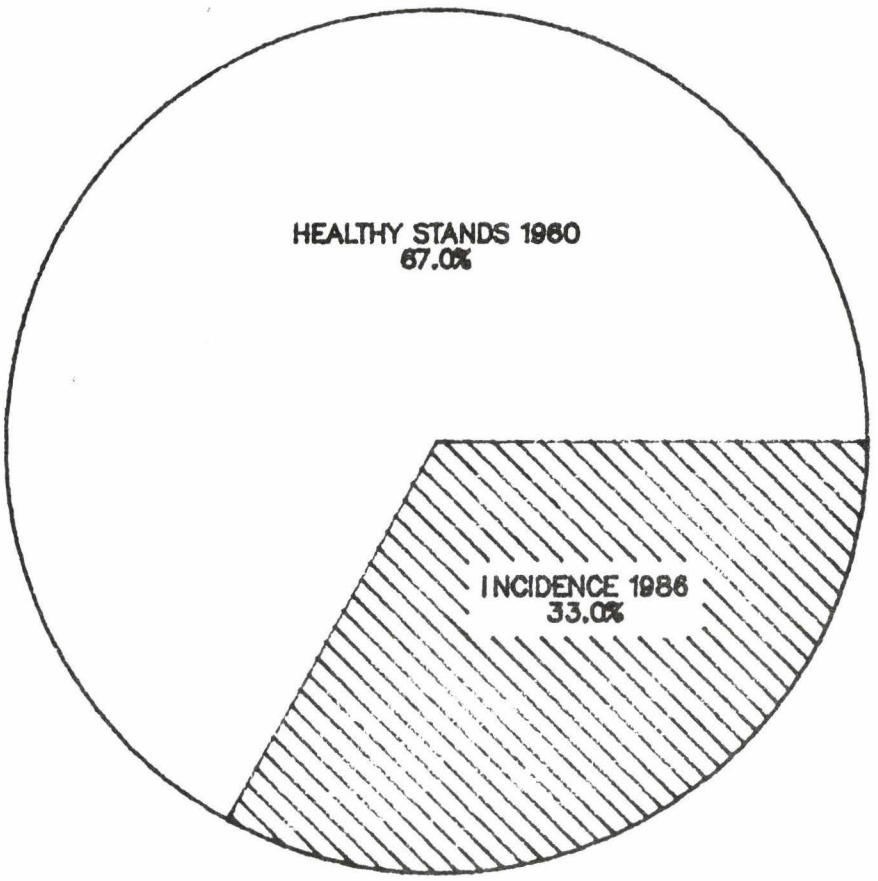

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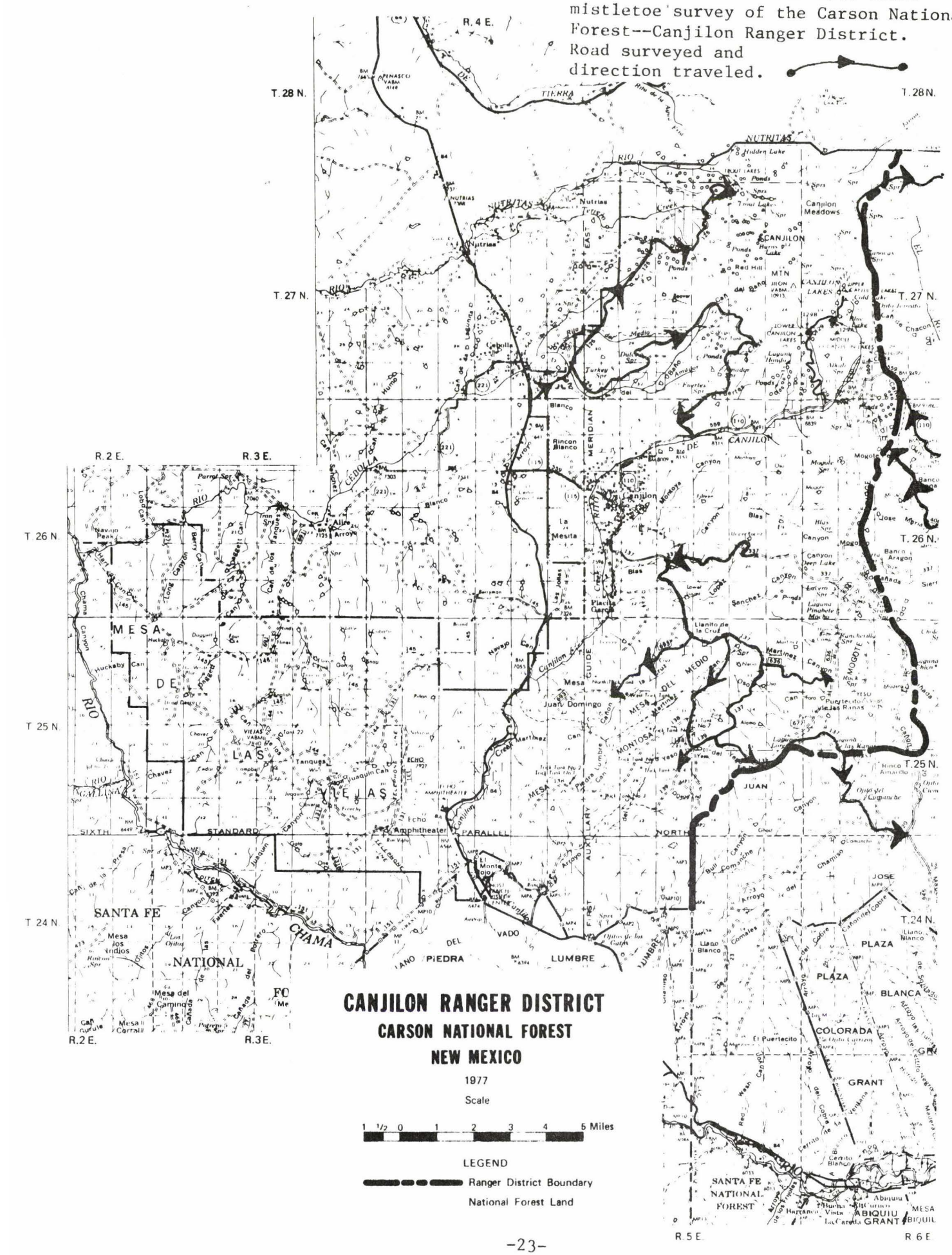
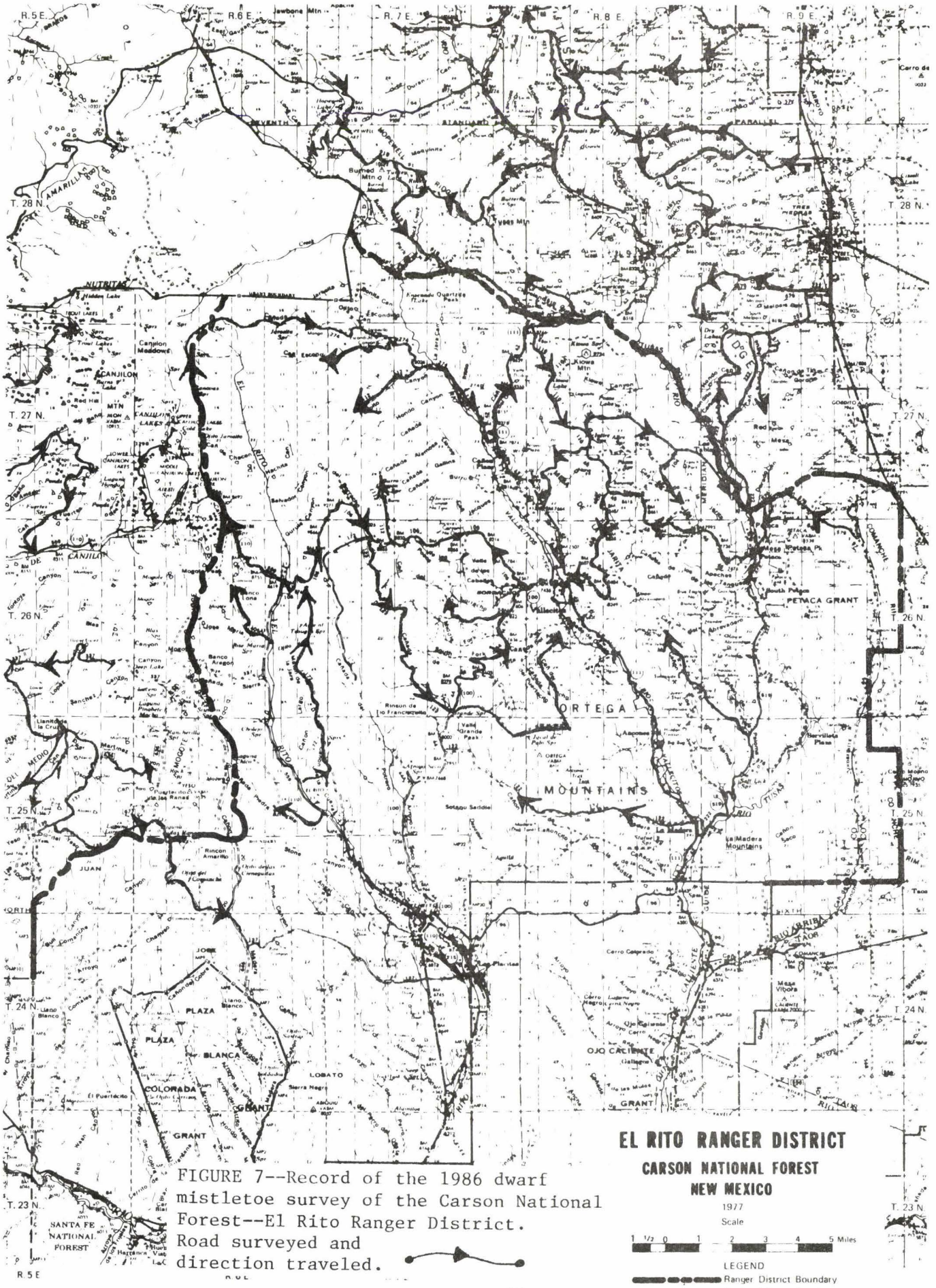
FIGURE 6--Record of the 1986 dwarf mistletoe survey of the Carson National Forest--Canjilon Ranger District. Road surveyed and direction traveled.





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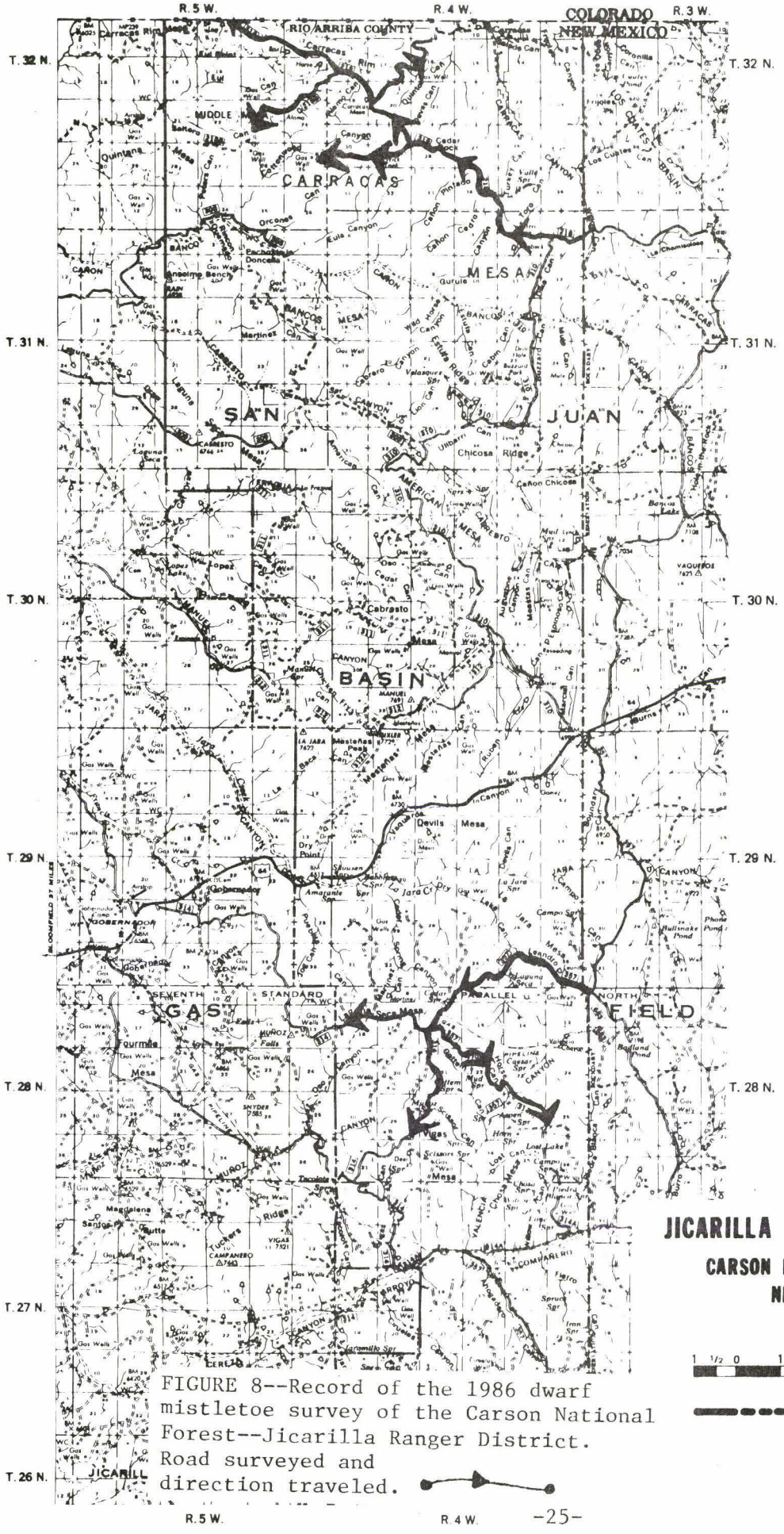

FIGURE 8--Record of the 1986 dwarf mistletoe survey of the Carson National Forest--Jicarilla Ranger District.

Road surveyed and direction traveled.

JICARILLA RANGER DISTRICT

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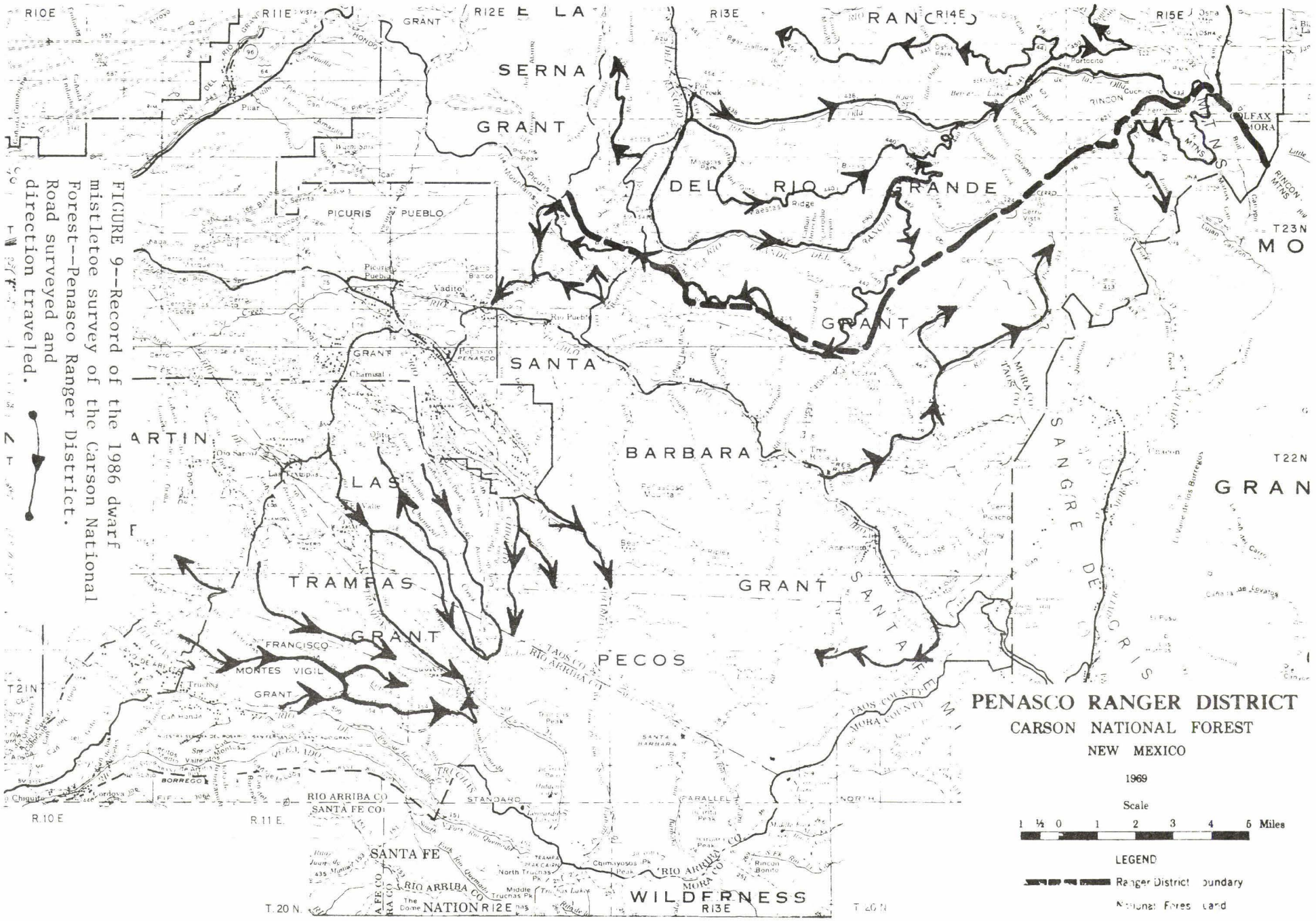
Scale

1 1/2 0 1 2 3 4 5 Miles

LEGEND

Ranger District Boundary

National Forest Land



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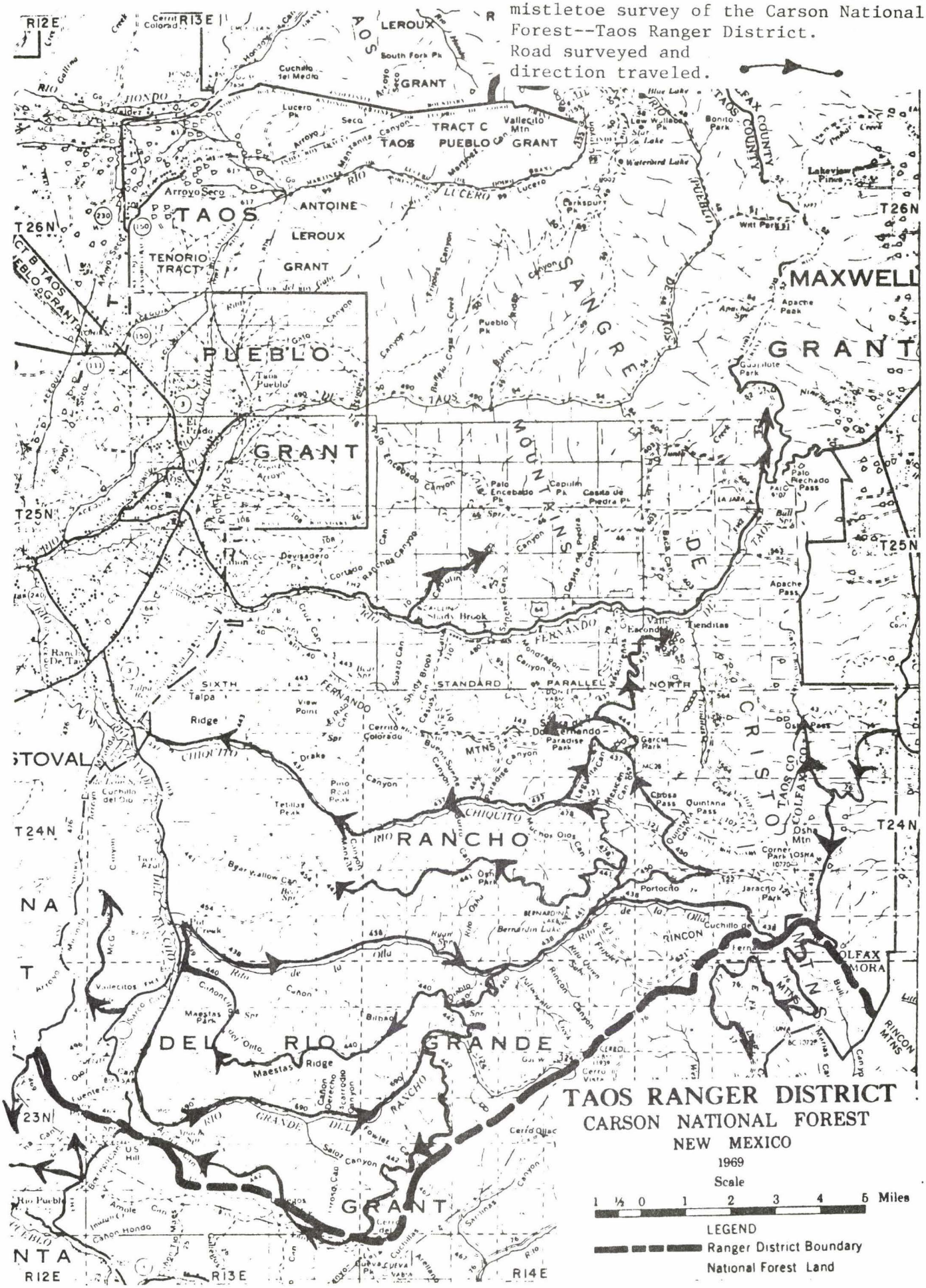

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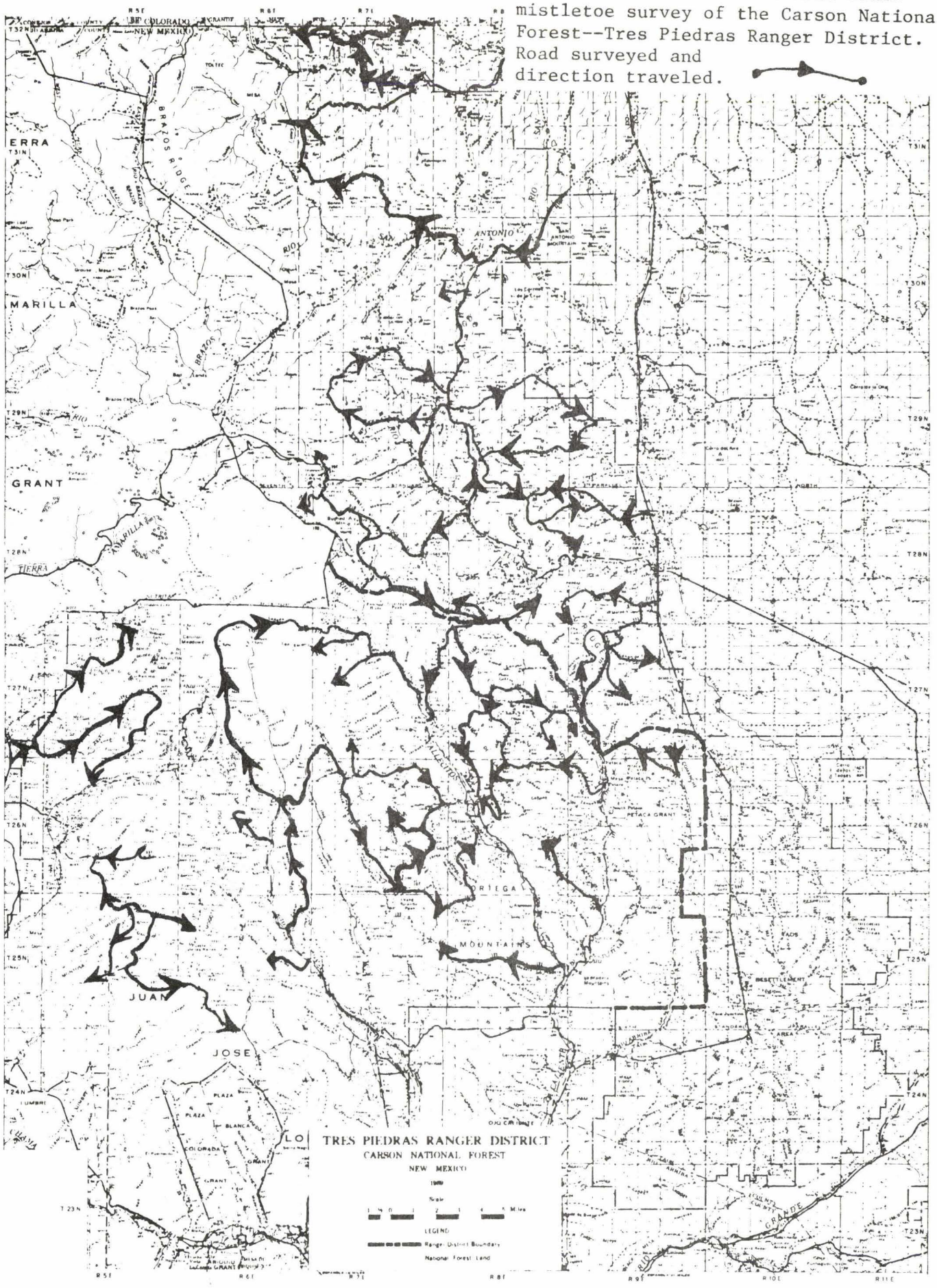

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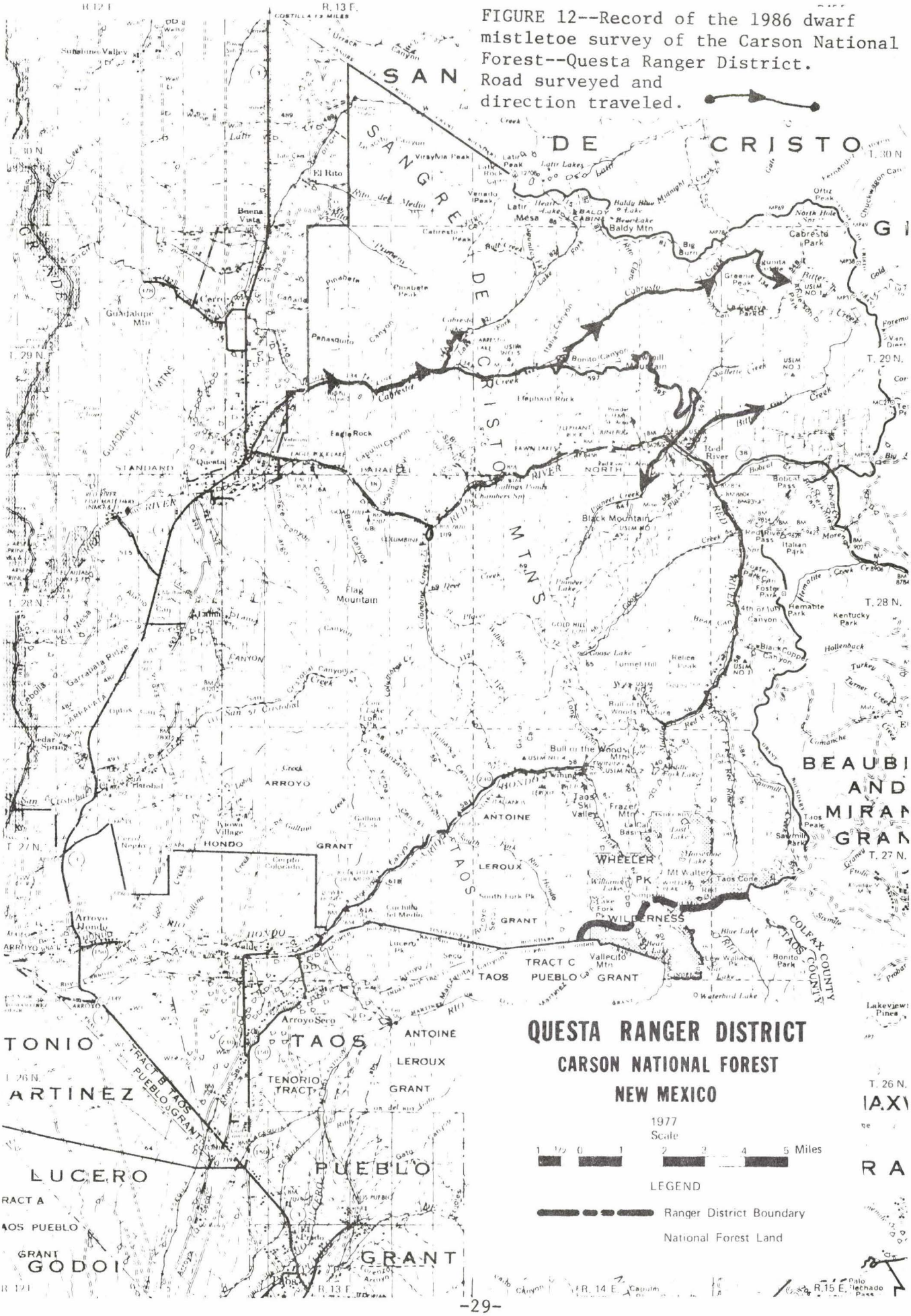

FIGURE 12--Record of the 1986 dwarf mistletoe survey of the Carson National Forest--Questa Ranger District. Road surveyed and direction traveled.